



Brigadier General Marc Lessard **Deputy NATO Striking Fleet Atlantic**

Brigadier-General Lessard joined the Canadian Forces under the Regular Officer Training Plan and graduated from the Collège Militaire Royal in Saint-Jean with a degree in Business Administration in 1978.

He served in a variety of regimental positions with the Royal 22e Regiment and Canadian Airborne Regiment in Valcartier, Germany and Petawawa. He commanded the 3rd Battalion and the 1st Battalion of the Royal 22e Regiment. He also commanded the Canadian Army Combat Training Centre in Gagetown. His staff experience includes two postings with the 1st Canadian Division Headquarters in Kingston, Ontario. He was a member of the Canadian Forces Officer Development Review Board which oversaw training and education for the Canadian Officer Corps. He attended the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College as well as the British Army Staff College.

Brigadier-General Lessard served overseas in Cyprus with UNFICYP in 1985, commanded Canadian Battalion 1 in Croatia with UNPROFOR in 1993/94 and was second in command of 5 Canadian Multinational Brigade in Bosnia with IFOR in 1996. He was Commandant of the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College from 1999 to 2001. In June 2001, he was appointed as Deputy Commander, Striking Fleet Atlantic.
